

15918. Misbranding of Orange Blossom suppositories. U. S. v. 142 Packages of Orange Blossom Suppositories. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22423. I. S. No. 17636-x. S. No. 484.)

On February 9, 1928, the United States attorney for the Northern District of California, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in the District Court of the United States for said district a libel praying seizure and condemnation of 142 packages of Orange Blossom suppositories, remaining in the original unbroken packages at San Francisco, Calif., consigned by Dr. J. A. McGill & Co., from Chicago, Ill., alleging that the article had been shipped from Chicago, Ill., on or about January 3, 1928, and transported from the State of Illinois into the State of California, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of boric acid and alum in a petrolatum base.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (On direction sheet in retail package) "If you experience a smarting with the first and perhaps the second application, go right on with it and the irritation will soon pass away. As soon as you feel a little better, do not stop the treatment, but go right on in order not to lose the good effects on what has been accomplished;" (on circular entitled "A free lecture to women" enclosed in the shipping package) "A famous preparation for disease peculiar to women. Every lady can treat herself * * *. Some of the symptoms of Female Weakness. A tired, languid feeling, low spirited and despondent, with no apparent cause. Moth and yellow spots on the face—often called 'liver spots.' Dark rings around the eyes. Melancholy, with no ambition or desire to live, and with difficulty in keeping the tears back. Headache, pains in the back, pains across the lower part of abdomen, bearing-down pains with an inward feeling of pressure down and out. Leucorrhoea. Frequent urinations. Bladder difficulty, caused by pressure of womb against bladder. Constipation of bowels, caused by pressure of womb against rectum, often producing piles. Great soreness across lower part of bowels, and in region of ovaries, so that a slight pressure with the hand produces pain, and if allowed to go on in this condition the ovaries become involved by a sympathetic action, resulting in ovarian tumors, and with all these symptoms a very nervous feeling is experienced by the patient. Now follows congestion of womb, inflammation of womb, ulceration of womb, falling of womb forward, backward, and downward. This inflammatory action produces an enlargement of the organ so that the ligaments supporting it are no longer able to retain it in position. The Orange Blossom treatment allays this inflammation, giving the patient great relief, and with every application of the Suppository the patient will notice when she takes a warm water injection there will be quite a lot of waste material pass away, some in the form of tissue paper or like the lining of a chicken's gizzard and other matter which shows the Orange Blossom is doing its work, for if it did not bring away any waste material it would prove that you did not require the treatment and the Suppository would come away just as when you inserted it * * * to enable you to understand the reason for your sufferings, also the action and use of the Suppositories, I write the following: * * * in many cases, but for a supporter worn by the patient, the womb would come out into the world. This is all wrong and no wonder you suffer with the backache, headache, and so many other aches and pain, that at times you care little whether you live or die. Now let me explain the cause of this trouble, and in order to make it plain to you, I will illustrate it in this way: When your finger is inflamed and sore, we will say with a felon or from some other cause, isn't it larger than when in its natural condition, and double its natural size and weight? Most certainly. Now, the womb becomes inflamed and enlarged in a similar manner and this inflammation goes on to congestion, the walls of the womb grow heavy with congested blood or serum, which is a dropsical effusion, until the womb becomes so large that those cords that hold it in place are no longer able to keep it there and it must necessarily drag down of its own weight, pulling on the cords from the spine, causing the pain in the back and soreness across lower part of bowels. The womb being so enlarged and out of place crowds against the rectum or back passage, causing constipation, and the straining necessary to have a passage of the bowels often produces piles. Again, when the womb is so enlarged it tips forward and against the bladder causing

frequent urination with a burning and scalding sensation. It also presses against the spinal nerve which leads to the head-center of the whole nervous system and these little nerves running to the brain cry out in the form of headache, despondency, and often, if neglected, insanity. In fact this diseased condition of the womb is the direct cause of much of the suffering of women. Now, let me ask you a question to make the action of the suppository treatment plain to you. When you have a felon or an inflamed finger from any cause do you go right to a drug store and buy some medicine and expect it to take that swelling down and allay the inflammation? No, you apply a poultice, if you are wise, for medicine taken internally will not meet the case. Very well, the Orange Blossom Suppository acts in a similar manner, mildly drawing away the serum or water substance and all diseased conditions by allaying the inflammation and congestion which causes all of this trouble. The Orange Blossom application of the suppository reduces the inflammation and also the size of the womb, and in due time as it grows less weighty it will go back into its natural position, and you will exclaim as hundreds of women have, 'O, I feel like a different woman!' Now as you undoubtedly have been many years getting into this diseased condition, do not expect one box of Orange Blossom, which is only one month's treatment and costs but little, to undo the work of all those years, so I ask you just to give the Orange Blossom treatment a fair trial. It requires three days after the Suppository has been applied for it to do its work * * *. The Suppository will produce no pain when applied, unless there is ulceration, but if there is you will experience a smarting with the first and perhaps the second application, but go right on with it and that will soon pass off. The very fact that you experience smarting proves there is ulceration or granulation of the womb, and so the more need of the treatment; for if there were no ulcers you would experience no pain, as this has been proven in many cases. You could not apply anything to a sore and not have it smart; and ulcers are nothing more nor less than sores on the neck and sometimes on the body of the womb. This treatment will give relief and after two or three applications you will experience no further pain. As soon as you feel a little better, do not stop the treatment, but use a little common sense in the matter, and use the Suppositories regularly so as not to lose the good effect of one treatment before using another. In cases of profuse menstruation (flooding), the Suppositories work by causing contraction of the blood vessels, so that the flow becomes natural * * *. In cases of Painful Menstruation, caused by congestion and inflammation of the mouth or neck of the womb, a few applications of the Suppositories will relieve this unnatural condition. In cases of Pregnancy, the Suppositories may be safely used up to the fourth month, thereby relieving the womb of any inflamed or congested condition, consequently relieving the patient of much suffering at childbirth. In cases of Change of Life, the Suppositories will relieve the organ of the morbid conditions that have been in existence for years. Their special action gives health and strength to the whole constitution, producing a healthy reaction of the whole nervous system. In cases of Leucorrhoea or the Whites, we can recommend the Suppositories. In cases of Reflex Action of the Nerves, produced by this diseased condition of the womb, the following symptoms are more or less prominent in every case: Nervous sick headache, irritation of the stomach, spinal irritation, pain between the shoulders, distressing sensation in the back of the head, nape of the neck, and numbness and coldness of the extremities. In these cases the Suppositories will give relief by their action on the womb. Dr. J. A. McGill's Suppositories Orange Blossom are a valuable preparation for the following diseases: Inflammation, Congestion and Falling of the Womb, Anteversion, Retroversion and Prolapsus, Ulceration, Leucorrhoea, Profuse and Difficult Menstruation. The Suppository treatment * * * works like a charm, often removing pain with the first application, from which the patient may have suffered for months. Many ladies bear testimony to the truth of this statement, who have been benefited by the use of it."

On June 1, 1928, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

15919. Adulteration of scallops. U. S. v. 3 Boxes of Scallops. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 22418. I. S. No. 21570-x. S. No. 450.)

On January 14, 1928, the United States attorney for the Eastern District of New York, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, filed in